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Weather



FRIDAY
Sunny.

69
38



SATURDAY
Sunny.

61
35



SUNDAY
Mostly sunny.

68
35

Weather provided by ISU Meterology Club.

Calendar

All events courtesy of the ISU event calendar.

March 13

Workshop: Launching Your Campaign
9 a.m. to noon in the Pioneer Room in the Memorial Union
This workshop will provide an overview of the key elements of a campaign, including assessing oneself as a candidate, developing a campaign plan, structuring a campaign and contacting voters. Panelists will provide a firsthand account of what it's like to run for office in Iowa.

Part of six interactive workshops offered by the Catt Center in its 2015 "Ready to Run" series. Each may be attended on its own or in conjunction with others in the series.

Reiman Gardens After Hours
4:30 to 7 p.m. at Reiman Gardens
New reduced admission price: tickets are \$4 for members and \$8 for general public. You must be 21 years-old or over to attend. Guests are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register.

Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day early by sitting back and enjoying Celtic and other music. Sip on drinks and enjoy light snacks will be provided.

Cyclone Cinema: St. Vincent
7 and 10 p.m. in Carver 101
Showings are free in Carver 101 at 7 and 10 p.m. every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Hope to see you there.

Concert: The Chieftains with Paddy Moloney
Starts at 7:30 at Stephens Auditorium
Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Celtic music's renowned pioneers. These six-time Grammy Award winners capture the profound musical beauty of the Emerald Isle.

The Chieftains have uncovered centuries of Irish song and made these traditional works their own. Their inimitable style has won them countless fans over the decades, and their iconic sound is synonymous with the revival traditional Irish music. This legendary band has collaborated with numerous stars from The Rolling Stones and Madonna to Luciano Pavarotti.

March 14

Midwest Regional Boxing Tournament
Start at 7 p.m. in the West Gym of State Gym
Regional round of the National Collegiate Boxing Association Championships. Competition opened on March 13.

Competitors from ISU to note are Josue Avila and Olivia Meyer, who are previous national champions.

Other schools participating: Miami University (Ohio), University of North Carolina, U.S. Naval Academy, Xavier University, University of Cincinnati, West Virginia University and Wabash (Purdue-provisional). Boxing matches go for 3 rounds and last approximately 10 minutes. A competitor may box up to 3 matches throughout the tournament, which takes a tremendous amount of strength and agility.

Qualifiers from this tournament will move on to the National Collegiate Boxing Championships in Sunrise, Florida on April 10-11.

March 15

Argentine Tango Class
4 to 7 p.m. in the MU Work-space
This Milonga (dance party) is a multi-level class with lots of time to enjoy the music and dance. From 4-5pm moves for beginners are introduced with a different figure each week along with techniques for dancing better. From 5-7pm the dance floor is yours for dancing under the guidance of Valerie and working with different partners. An intermediate level figure will also be introduced during this time.

Classes meet every Sunday unless noted on the ISU calendar. Purchase a dance punch card and attend as often as your schedule allows.

March 17

Workshop: Floral Design Series
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Reiman Gardens
Cost for one class: \$36 for members, \$45 for the general public, and Iowa State University students pay 15% off the member price.

Theme of floral design to be determined. Learn the tips and skills used by professionals and create your own one-of-a-kind floral designs.

March 18

Tour: Behind the Scenes at Reiman Gardens
11 a.m. to noon
This program is perfect for volunteers. Join staff each month for an interactive, behind the scenes look at Reiman Gardens. Each month's topic features a mini-tour, interesting facts, and the chance to see many things not typically open to the public. Come each month to learn more about Reiman Gardens and its many plants and butterflies.

March 19

Class: Botanical Drawing
6 to 8 p.m. at Reiman Gardens
Preregistration and prepayment required. Cost is \$72 for members and \$90 for the general public. ISU students pay 15 percent of the member price.

Learn how to use plants as the subject of art with easy approaches & successive lessons. Learn from artist Megan Henon as you draw from flowers & plants in the classroom, the Hughes Conservatory, & even get inspired by those early spring blooms in outside. Use your drawings for nature journals, hand-made cards, & more.

March 21

Softball Doubleheader
1 and 3 p.m. at the Cyclone Sport Complex
Cost is free for admission in the doubleheader against South Dakota.

March 22

Softball Doubleheader
1 and 3 p.m. at the Cyclone Sport Complex
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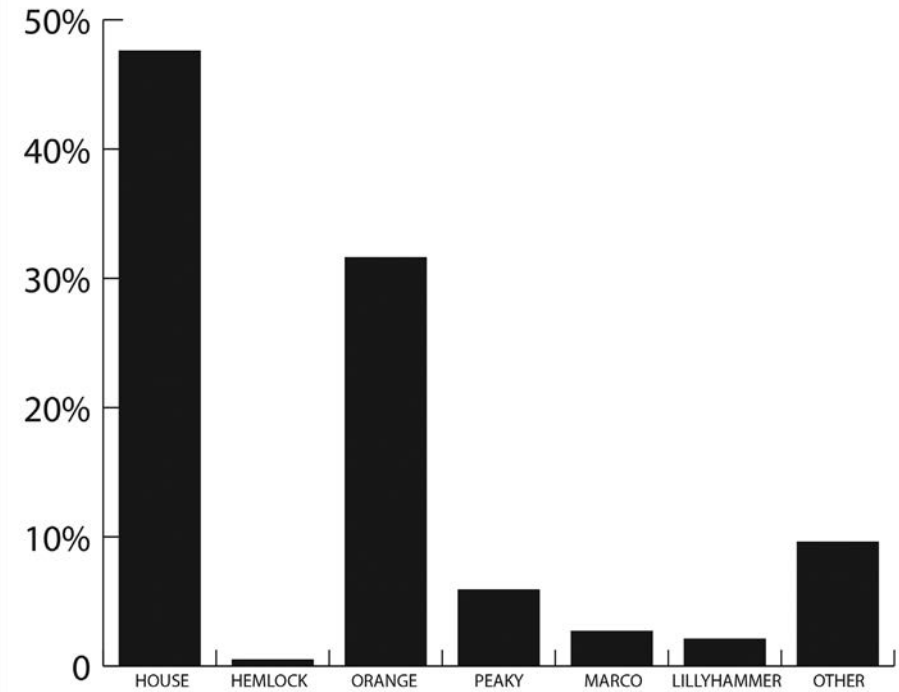


Matthew Rezab/Iowa State Daily

Ames house catches fire, no injuries reported

Ames firefighters inspect the attic of a house on Somerset Drive to ensure the fire that started in the attached garage did not spread to main house. The Ames Fire Department arrived on the scene around 1 p.m. and had the fire under control within an hour. The three residents inside the home when the blaze started escaped without injury.

NETFLIX: WHICH IS YOUR FAVORITE SHOW?



Jessica Kline/Iowa State Daily

Readers of the Iowa State Daily responded to an online poll question this week. We asked, "Which is your favorite Netflix show?" The results are depicted above.

TAU BETA PI SERVES PIE ON PI DAY

By Danielle.Ferguson
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A nice sendoff to Spring Break: Pi Day Friday. The Iowa Alpha Chap-

ter of Tau Beta Pi, the Engineering Honor Society, is holding a Pi Day challenge to give away 314 pieces of pie in a period of 1 pi hours — 3.14 hours = 3 hours and 8.5 minutes.

Though March 14 is officially Pi Day, the International Dateline is 5 a.m. March 13 in Ames. Distribution time will be 9:27 a.m. until 12:35 p.m. at Howe and Hoover halls.

Online Content

MORE INFO

Fire coverage

A garage on Somerset Drive caught fire on Thursday. All three family member in the home got out safely. For more coverage of the fire, go online to the news section of the Daily's website.

PHOTOS

ISU plays Texas

The ISU men's basketball team played Texas on Thursday night in its first game of the Big 12 tournament. For a photo gallery from the tournament, go online to the multimedia section of the Daily's website.

STYLE

Transitional on the beach

Going to have some fun in the sun for this spring break? The ISD Style staff but together some ideas on how to convert beachwear for walking around town. To read the article, go online to the Style section under the living tab on the Daily's website.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Yaks of the week

Campus was buzzing this week with talk of midterms and upcoming spring break. So what were the funniest Yaks seen this week on Yik Yak? Check out the quickies section of the Daily's app to find out.

NOTEBOOK

ISU prepares for next Big 12 game

For more coverage of the ISU men's basketball team's win against Texas on Thursday, go online to the sports section of the Daily's website. There, readers will find a Notebook on how Monte Morris and Georges Niang led the Cyclones to another win and a preview of Iowa State's second round game.

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Monarch butterflies are watched at Iowa State in the Genetics Laboratory. Iowa State is participating in a Monarch conservation effort alongside the U.S. Agricultural Research Service.

Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

HELPING THE MONARCH

ISU participates in conservation effort with Agricultural Research Service

By Jace.Dostal
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As spring nears, the temporary residents of the Trans-Mexican Volcanic Belt pine-oak forest in Mexico will begin their long trek up to Southern Canada. The almost 3,000-mile trip is made twice a year by the Monarch Butterfly, once to Mexico in the fall and then back to Canada in the spring.

Over the past years however, scientists and butterfly enthusiasts alike have been noticing a significant decline in the Monarch populations overwintering in Mexico.

In the last 20 years the Monarch population has dropped by 90 percent, according to National Geographic.

The decline has been credited to deforestation in Mexico and increased herbicide use in the United States, said Rick Hellmich, Entomologist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service. This, he said is killing off milkweed plants, the sole source of food for the

Monarch larvae.

To counteract the Monarch decline, scientists, farmers and many others have created the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium, a group that plans to reinstate Milkweed into Iowa landscapes.

“The Monarch is an iconic species in Iowa,” said Sue Blodgett, chair of the Entomology Department and member of the Consortium. “Because of this, lots of people are interested in helping us.”

Monarchs need milkweed, without it they have no place to lay their eggs. The Monarch lays between 200-400 eggs in its lifetime on the undersides of milkweed leaves, of the 200-400 only about 5 percent survive, said Keith Bidne, Entomologist for the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

In February nine species of milkweed were planted in ISU Greenhouses. Over the summer these seedlings will be transported to 12 research farms across the state where they will be evaluated on their growth and the effect they

have on the migrating butterflies, Blodgett said. Once the initial research is done the best milkweed species will be planted in Iowa farms and prairies.

Most of Iowa’s farmland is privately owned, so the Consortium needs the aid of farmers, Blodgett said.

“The agriculture industry is being very proactive,” Blodgett said. “They understand the need to provide more habitat for Monarchs.”

Monarchs don’t need a big 10-acre field, she said. Instead of planting the milkweed in their fields, farmers should plant it in small patches around their barns.

The most important thing will be to ensure that the milkweed is planted close enough so that the Monarchs can easily reach it during their migration, Blodgett said.

However, farmers are not the only ones that can help grow milkweed. Milkweed is a common weed found in gardens, instead of pulling it out gardeners could keep it and provide



A Monarch butterfly is displayed during its larval stage. The genetics department at Iowa State is participating in a Monarch conservation effort alongside the U.S. Agricultural Research Service.

Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

a little more space for the Monarchs Blodgett said.

The Monarch could even help some gardens grow. While they might not be as affective at pollinating as bee’s, Monarchs do still pollinate plants while they are looking for nectar.

Another great thing about Monarchs, Blodgett

said, is their aid in biological teachings. Monarchs are used in many elementary school classrooms to teach kids about the life cycle and biology in general.

Blodgett hopes Iowa will be a rallying point for the United States. She said she thinks other states will

see what Iowa is doing and will begin their own work in bringing back a suitable Monarch habitat to the Midwest.

“It’s going to take a few years, but after five years when we look back and ask ourselves ‘did it matter?’ Blodgett said. “We hope the answer is yes.”

Iowa State Steel Bridge Team builds its way to national competition

By Evan.Howe
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Iowa State University is well known for its great engineering programs. Today, the ISU Steel Bridge Team prepares to demonstrate how great at the national competition after placing second in the Midwest regionals.

The national competition will be held at the University of Missouri-Kansas City on May 22 and 23. They will be competing against roughly 50 other schools.

The teams will be judged on many different factors: speed, precision, budget, and the aesthetic value of the bridges they construct.

The bridge will be constructed is a 1/10 scale replica of an actual bridge. It will be nearly 20 feet long and made entirely out of steel.

The structure will weigh around 140 pounds and have a weight capacity of 2,500 pounds.

While at the nationals, the team must adhere to specific rules that change after every competition. Such rules may include things like the particular size, dimensions, and safety practices observed during the contest.

Safety is particularly important and if not taken seriously can be grounds for automatic disqualification, such as if an individual forgets their safety helmet.

“We always make sure to double and even triple-check each other before we start,” said Hannah Monical, the group’s design chair.

This will be the second time in four years that the team has advanced to the nationals.

“Every year has been a challenge, but it has also

always been very exciting,” said Tim Schlosser, the team president.

The team participated in the nationals two years ago and came in fifth place.

The team has seen great growth in membership this year.

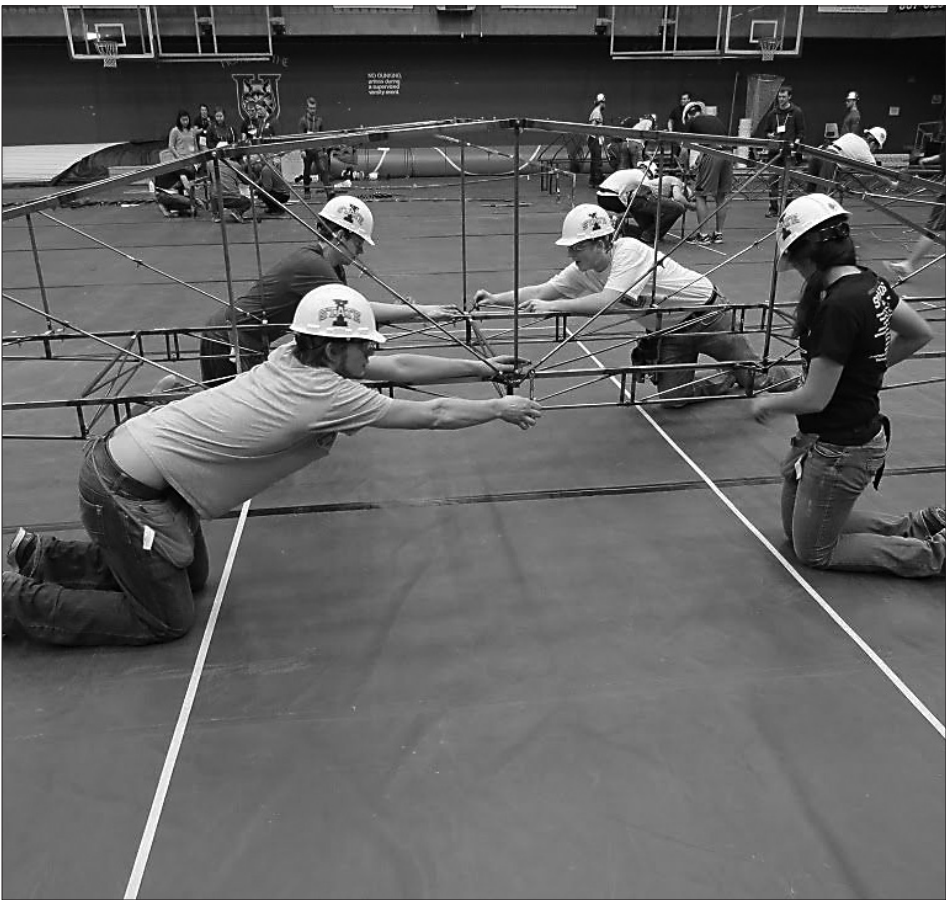
“Usually we only have 15 to 20 members, but this year we have 35 active members,” said Schlosser.

The two main fundraising methods that the group utilizes are pizza sales, and sponsorship letters.

Ben Worrell, the public relations chair, has doubled the group’s letters over the course of the year.

Their financial goal this year is \$15,000 to \$20,000, which is a little higher than normal due to a trip to Canada that they participated in a few months ago.

Unlike many other schools where the Steel Bridge competition is a course, the ISU members



Courtesy of Brad Gipple

Lucas Deimer, Cody Buelt, Corona Kenowski and Brad Young, all ISU students of civil engineering, work on their steel bridge, which is a 1/10 scale steel-made replica of a real bride.

prepare for it on their own time.

On top of that, they only had two weeks to prepare for the regional competition, and they still managed to place second.

The team said that the

only thing they need to increase the efficiency of their practice sessions is more space.

“It would be much less of a hassle, and would save a great deal of time,” said senior Brad Gipple.

At regionals, the team was down to the wire and completed the bridge in just under 30 minutes.

“This time we’re going to shoot for a twenty to twenty-five minute range,” Gipple said.

Sudoku *by the Mephram Group*

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LEVEL:
1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

Crossword

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- Across**

1 Principal introduction?
5 Ladybug lunches
11 Handle for a chef?
14 "Yikes!"
15 Bully
16 '60s-'70s news focus, informally
17 Allowance for food, vet visits, etc?
19 Old sports org. using colorful balls
20 Place to play
21 PC key
22 Some execs
23 Bedtime for bats?
27 Annual New England attraction
31 Mutt
32 "... a traveler ...": "Ozymandias"
33 Dolts
36 First Poet Laureate of Vermont
40 Threw a tantrum at ballet school?
43 You might wake up to one
44 Satirist once dubbed "Will Rogers with fangs"
45 Heavily sit (down)
46 Draft choice
48 Lost it
50 Decisive "Star Wars" victory?
55 Eclectic online
- reader
56 Slime
57 Treacherous type?
62 Beads on blades
63 Answer to "What did people listen to during the Depression, señor?"
66 Poetic preposition
67 Landlocked African country
68 When some ties are broken, briefly
69 Clear
70 Grant
71 Part of CSNY
- Down**

1 "Up in the Air" Oscar nominee Farmiga
2 Aircraft pioneer Sikorsky
3 Give in
4 Ideal world
5 Diplomatic VIP
6 Little, in Lille
7 Went after
8 Hastings hearth
9 Tab alternative
10 Play area
11 Muddled situation with fangs?
12 Fife-and-drum corps instrument
13 It has a med school in Worcester
18 Avis adjective
22 Crooked
24 Awestruck
- 25 They might cause jitters
26 Snit
27 Maine forest sights
28 Arabian sultanate
29 Toy for an aspiring architect
30 Repeat
34 DOT agcy.
35 The "e" sound in "tandem"
37 Ceramic pot
38 Dinner on the farm, maybe
39 Enter, in a way
41 Where to nosh on a knish
42 Wire service?: Abbr.
47 Captivate
49 St. Petersburg's river
50 More boorish
51 Comic Cheri
52 Single
53 Some floats
54 Essence
58 "Let's do it!"
59 Cöctel fruit
60 They may be inflated
61 Author who created Zuckerman
63 Barbecue seasoning
64 Prefix with meter
65 Carpenter's tool



Schuyler Smith/Iowa State Daily
Mental health presents major issues for veterans. The effectiveness of treatment options and whether veterans use available resources can deeply impact their future. PTSD is the most common form of mental health problem that affects soldiers returning from active duty.

SERVICE AND STATISTICS:

Professor studies effectiveness of VA mental health care

By Kelly.McGowan
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An ISU professor is chairing a congressionally-mandated study of the use and effectiveness of the Department of Veterans Affairs mental health care services for recent veterans. Alicia Carriquiry, distinguished professor of statistics, is chairing an 18-person committee tasked with a VA-sponsored Institute of Medicine evaluation to be completed in 2017. She said she hopes it will raise awareness of VA benefits and spark positive change in the VA. "Even if you are opposed to the war, you cannot possibly be opposed to the veterans," Carriquiry said. The evaluation will analyze the quality and capacity of services provided to veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn as well as barriers they may face in accessing services, according to the Institute of Medicine. The committee will study scientific research, hold interviews and conduct surveys and site visits. They will then prepare a consensus report of recom-

mendations to increase access and effectiveness of VA mental health care that will be given to the secretary of the VA. The Institute of Medicine, part of the National Academies, is a private and nonprofit. Carriquiry said objectivity is important and the institute wanted a panel of people with "no horse in the race." She had no previous connections with veterans. "People who are involved with veterans and the VA feel very passionate about these issues," she said. "Passion is good, but sometimes it is a barrier to looking at information objectively." The study has given her a new view toward veterans. "You learn about the struggles that many of these veterans go through once they get back home," she said. "If you don't feel for them, you have no heart." Approximately 2.7 million troops had served in Iraq and Afghanistan as of September 2014, according to the VA. "I think the VA has got more than they can handle," said Brett McLain, director of Story County Veterans Affairs. "I don't think they have the manpower."

The VA provides reliable medical advice to service members, McLain said. He invites veterans to set up a meeting with him to discuss their benefits. McLain served in the U.S. Navy for 21 years and has worked at Story County Veterans Affairs for 16 years. In the Navy he said he once did not see land for 110 consecutive days, and he recognizes the contrast between military and civilian settings. "It's a different life," he said. In January, the VA released a report on VA health care use by veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn between October 2002 and September 2014. The report showed that mental disorders accounted for 56.9 percent of the diagnoses among them, with 640,537 veterans having been treated for mental health disorders by the VA in that time period. In order of decreasing prevalence, these disorders include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, depressive disorders, neurotic disorders, affective psychoses, alcohol dependence, drug abuse, non-classified special symptoms, drug dependence, sexual de-

viations and disorders and disorders due to brain damage, according to the report. "Mental health and medical health in my mind are at the same level," McLain said. "There's treatment and medication for both." It is becoming more understood that mental health is a health issue, but "soldier culture" might prevent veterans from seeking help, Carriquiry said. "Sometimes they find little sympathy," she said. Statistics impacts lives in ways that people may not notice, said Ulrike Genschel, assistant professor of statistics. "I think these studies are hugely important to help the veterans in our community," she said. "We owe it to them for what they've given to our country." It is important to let the data speak for itself, she said. "You can do tremendous things as long as you have the data and analyze it objectively," she said. Carriquiry said teaching at a university can feel like being in a bubble and studies like this are a reality check. "There's a lot of people that need a lot of help out there," she said.

Horoscopes *by Linda Black*

Today's Birthday
(3/13/14)

Focus on your joy this year. Play with partners, family and friends, as creativity abounds. Sort, organize and strengthen infrastructure at home and work. Schedule a vacation to take advantage of high romance this summer. After August, a career boost amps the activity level. Healthy exercise, diet and rest practices keep it balanced. Partnership remains key.

- Aries - 8**
(March 21-April 19)
Now the fun really begins. Find alternative solutions to a problem, and hidden value appears as a side effect. Your holdings quietly grow. Invite guests to celebrate. Use what you've been saving.
- Libra - 7**
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Accept a creative challenge. Collaboration adds fun and value to the project. Iron out disagreements by finding the common vision. Love finds a way. Amuse yourself.
- Taurus - 8**
(April 20-May 20)
An amazing development solves a problem at home. It involves teamwork and collaboration. Check out an interesting suggestion from a brilliant friend. Apply inspiration
- Scorpio - 8**
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You're especially attractive and charismatic. Ask for what you want. It could get playfully romantic. Cherish a loved one. Gather strength and inspiration from someone else.
- Gemini - 8**
(May 21-June 20)
There's more work coming in. The very idea you were looking for shows up, from far away. Accept a creative challenge. A barrier gets overcome. If you say you're worth it, others agree.
- Sagittarius - 8**
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Clean up and fix something at home that's broken. Listen carefully to family, and discover a new resource. Nestle into the coziness and get lost in fascinating studies... or travel straight to the source.
- Cancer - 9**
(June 21-July 22)
A brilliant solution to a romantic dilemma appears. Ask deep questions. Improve your comfort level by getting your concerns addressed. Intuition inspires your creativity. Venture farther out.
- Capricorn - 7**
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Look at a situation from another perspective. Make a fabulous discovery. Abrupt decisions may need revision. Learn from expert group members. Capture brilliant ideas and find ways to apply them.
- Leo - 9**
(July 23-Aug. 22)
You're on a roll, personally and professionally. Take notes, to remember what worked best. Heed the intuition that arises in contemplative silence and meditation. Remain obsessed.
- Aquarius - 8**
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Work in partnership and the profit increases all around. Follow intuition about which direction to take a project. Your heart knows the way. Passion and discipline grow your money tree.
- Virgo - 8**
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Friends offer good advice and apply their technical perfectionism to your project. Find a generous, thoughtful way to express thanks. Consider someone's fantastic scheme.
- Pisces - 9**
(Feb. 19-March 20)
Invent a brilliant solution to a persistent problem. You're especially creative now. It's a good time to launch or push forward. Balance work with play, and get plenty of exercise and rest. Serve yourself.

Emptiness felt by Christian-Americans discussed during lecture on religious views

By John.Kruse
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John Corrigan defined Christianity in a way it has never been defined before during his lecture at Iowa State on the night of March 12 about Emptiness in Christian America. "American Christians define themselves by saying what they are not," Corrigan said. Corrigan said he believes Christians define their lives by using their identity as Christians as a point of pride and priding themselves mainly off of what they don't identify with, like

not identifying with another religion they frown upon. In his lecture, Corrigan discussed what he said is a deep-rooted history of emptiness in American Christian culture, dating back to the settlers of the continent. "European Americans saw America as an empty place to be filled," Corrigan said. "Emptiness is good, and it must be filled. This is the Christian perspective." The lecture aimed to explain the core cause of hatred in several protestant religious groups. Corrigan said deep-rooted feelings of emptiness that define several Christian practices leads to a focus on explain-

ing what Christians aren't instead of what they are. "They made the feeling of emptiness the center of their emotional lives," Corrigan said. "I found that 12,000 people a week were tweeting about a feeling of emptiness." Corrigan said this feeling is created through several Christian practices, including fasting, bloodletting, tears, work and sex. "Sex is an emptying of oneself into each other, according to Christians," Corrigan said. All of this leads back to Corrigan's view that this feeling of emptiness leads some Christians to focus and

lash out against what they define as unchristian, thus explaining anti-Semitism or Islamophobia. "They go looking for trouble because it helps them create a social identity and a personal identity," Corrigan said. At the end, Corrigan was met with cheers and several questions, but not all agreed with his points. "Talking in overly-generalized terms could not be the right direction when discussing this subject," said Anne Clifford, professor in religious studies. "Emptiness might be a little differently conceived depending on de nomination."

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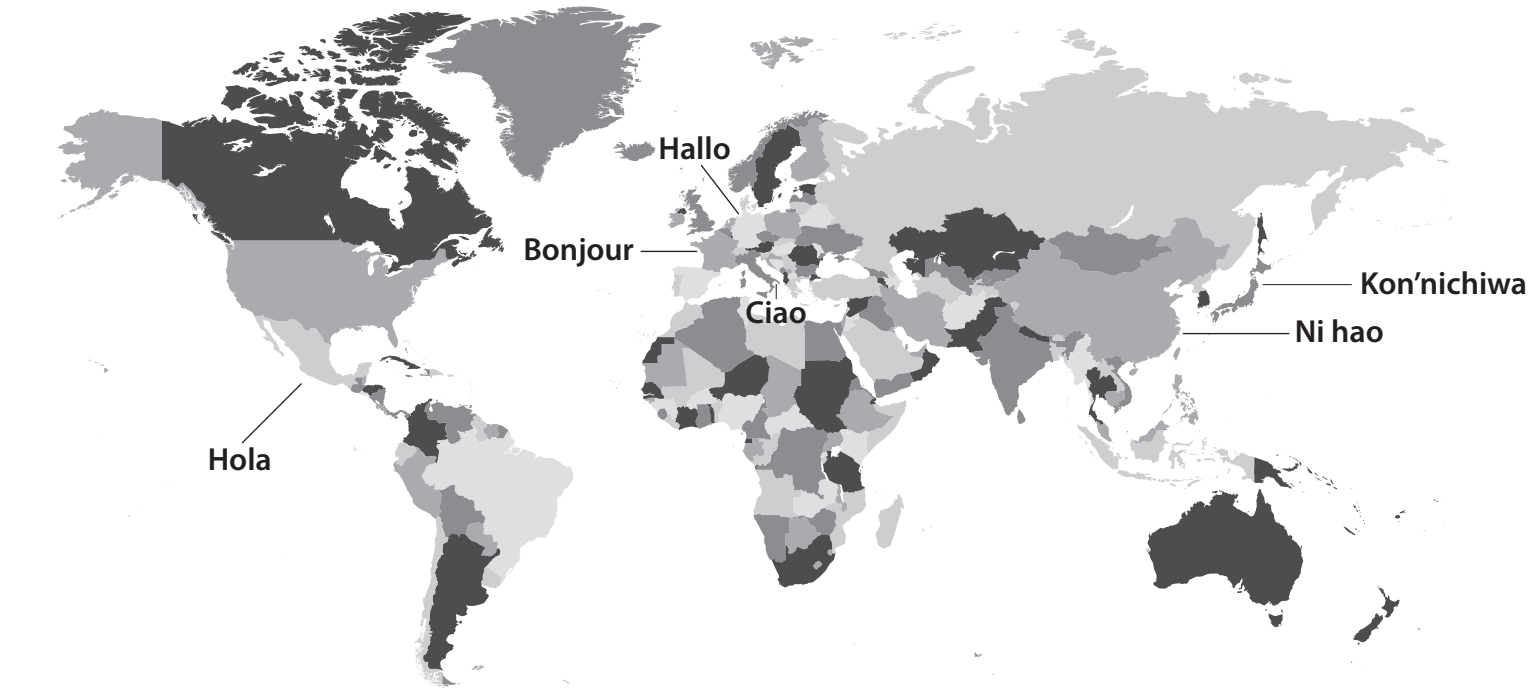
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Americans tend to be selfish when it comes to culture, thinking that people from other walks of life should conform to our way of life, seemingly solving the intercultural problem.

Americans need culture through language

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In the far reaches of the world there are those who are different than us. They possess a difference that is most intriguing. That difference I speak of is language. The ability to communicate through different means is alluring and mystifying. Underneath the mystery there is a deep desire to understand one another and make sense of the sounds effortlessly flowing from their lips. For generations the people dwelling across the sea, to the north, south and far east maintain the ability to speak various languages, English being only one. I would like to speculate that Americans, on the other hand, have a difficulty of melding with the rest of the world. We are experiencing a seriously unhealthy case of arrogance, self worth and laziness. An idea hovers in the air like a sickness saying that others should conform to our needs. Americans don't need to learn other languages because others will learn

ours, then all of our problems will be solved. The United States Census Bureau reports that 80 percent of Americans speak only in English. The information was gathered in 2007 and issued in the April 2010 edition. From a general outlook, it would appear that differing languages are all but diminished, reaffirming that there is a serious need for education in other languages. Not to point fingers or cover institutions with shadows of doubt, but we fall short in our educational systems. Languages are not made more of a dominant part of our culture, especially in the up and coming youngsters. We limit ourselves severely as individuals and as a nation by not partaking of the cultures of the lands that surround us through language. Are we not to cultivate exchanges between the others of this world not of English speaking descent? Our past, present and future depend on our capabilities to communicate. Then, I believe it is our laziness to which we can give our gratitude for English being our world's prominent language. But

does that make us a more dominant culture? Hardly. In fact, it makes us weak. With our inability to speak French, Russian, Italian, Chinese, or even Spanish, it makes us uncultured to the extreme. Even though America is a melting pot of different ethnicities and distinctly contrasting languages are spoken, we are not cultured. The majority of those who reside within the borders of this nation and raised only knowing English are at a significant disadvantage. That is especially true when traveling abroad. It is perfectly acceptable to not know every single language known to man; however, it is not acceptable to be uncultured in the world you live in. There are more than 6,000 languages spoken around the world today. With such a plethora to choose from, there is no excuse for a lack of variety. Learning a new language brings great joy and many benefits, even if it is just one language. Deciding upon a culture to take from and gain from is priceless. Being able to translate sounds into meaning is immensely valu-

able from a cultural standpoint. The way our world is becoming increasingly interconnected, it is also becoming increasingly complex. As years pass and countries become more intertwined in trade and commerce the need to break the language barrier is of the utmost importance. Understanding is key, so we are not well served by relinquishing to the dominant language. We are all humans of this world and we must find a way to share in the wonders that we have created, the wondrous culture that needs to be spread around and learned and enjoyed. It was not meant to be held in isolation and learning a new language can go as far as desire will take you. In the future, being able to be knowledgeable about a language will be a hot commodity in the job market and in everyday life. Hopefully it will soon be more of a requirement to be fluent in at least one foreign language. That should put America higher on the culturally diverse totem pole, in all aspects of the words culturally and diverse.

EDITORIAL

Make good choices during break time

It's official. All the countdowns, calendar markings and general head bangings into the wall can stop because spring break is finally upon us. After another grim Iowa winter, we have certainly earned the reprieve. That being said, this board has become accustomed to seeing all your smiling faces and reading your lovely letters. With that said, we'd love to see them all again once we return from break, so stay safe wherever you may be and however you may be celebrating. This is in no way a plea for you to sit inside with a good book and stay out of trouble because no one expects that from 35,000 students who have just endured a Hoth-like climate to stay cooped up inside. But with the power of roaming free on the countryside of Tennessee or planting your rear end in the sand in Florida comes great responsibility.

At this point in the editorial, we'd like to refer you to our great friends at just about every alcohol-producing in company in the country. From those weird palm trees donned with Christmas lights from Malibu to the Dos Equis most interesting man in the world: Enjoy responsibly. Whether you're on a beach or just sitting at home with friends, practice the same safe drinking practices that you would if it were just any other week of the year. By all means go out, blow off steam, procrastinate that paper that's due the Monday you get back from break. Just make sure you make it back to write that paper. In a study done in March 2014 by the Schackow and Mercadante Law Firm in Gainesville, Fla., it was reported that 40 percent of 782 those surveyed said "they drank until they became sick or passed out at least once." Of the same study, 40 percent of men and 33 percent of women reported being drunk each day of Spring Break.

The study also showed that the average male drank about 18 drinks each day and a female drank about 10 drinks each day. It's all fun and games until someone makes an unexpected trip to get their stomach pumped. There is no reason not to enjoy yourself, but make plans to do so responsibly so you can come back and enjoy Spring Break again next year. You've worked hard and earned this time of fun and frolicking. But remember your life is about much more than Spring Break. Take full advantage of your time off, but make it back to Ames safe.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lecture offers refreshing perspective

By Nigel Hanson,
president of ISU College Republicans

The lecture given by Katie Pavlich on March 10th was refreshing and incredibly helpful to the well-being and safety of Iowa State Universities' women. In response to the opinion piece by Maggie Fischer, I find it appalling that you will stand upon the terrible experiences of some of Iowa State Universities' women to push your gun control

agenda. I was at the lecture, as I presume you were, and at no time did I hear Pavlich speak rudely to an individual asking a question because of their experiences. However, I did see her become incredibly frustrated by the fact that many of the audience members appeared to not have listened to a word that was said and asked repeating questions. On this issue, and many more for that matter, with you I disagree heavily. This might come as

a rude awakening; no matter how hard you try, there will always be bad people doing bad things. I can tell, teach, and train a bad person to not to bad things, but at the end of the day I can't stop them from doing bad things. At times, though undesirable, only my good friends Smith and Wesson can provide the encouragement necessary to stop a bad person from from doing a bad thing like raping a woman. Even if a woman happens to know a bad person, it doesn't somehow make it

okay for that bad person to rape her. Feminist terms can be made up to try and mask this fact of human life but the statement I made holds true. "There will always be bad people doing bad things." I absolutely do not condone an act of sexual assault, but you and the people like you have shown that no matter how many awareness campaigns we embark upon, bad people keep doing bad things. Its time to get down to brass tacks and fix this

problem. I want to make sure women have access to all the tools they can possibly use to protect themselves. I and the people like me will be working to make concealed-carry on campus be realized. I and the people like me will be working to make taking a self-defense class the norm. I and the people like me will never stop until women are no longer discriminated against and forced to be victims by you and the people like you.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Controversial views should be respected

By Robert Dunn,
senior in accounting

Contrary to what Ms. Maggie Fischer wrote in regards to Ms. Katie Pavlich lecture on "Sexual Assault on Campus", the facts of what really happened are in stark contrast to the vitriol that Ms. Fischer et al. are disseminating through letters to the editor and on social media such as Twitter. First, the Committee on Lectures brings in a diverse group of speakers to campus, which is rare on most college campuses where the radical Left dominates the lecture circuit, whole academic departments, and student leadership. Iowa State

University is vastly different. To say that the Lectures Committee should only select views that are politically correct makes a complete mockery of an institution of higher learning. Secondly, nowhere in Katie Pavlich's talk did she say that "just killing the rapist" was the solution for sexual assault. The main argument was to add the choice for both women and men, students and faculty/administrators to be able to exercise their 2nd Amendment rights on campus if they so choose for themselves. The message was about empowering the individual to make the choice for themselves rather than having cam-

pus bureaucrats, anti-gun zealots, and childish feminist groups making the choice for that individual. One of the organizers of the purple clad mob, was quoted in the Ames Tribune, charging Ms. Pavlich with "victim blaming" and being a perpetrator of "rape culture and patriarchy." The only thing that was demonstrated was the organizers being devoid of reality. Finally, while I will agree that the survivors who were allowed to speak were brave and should be commended for their courage, there were other survivors of sexual assault, including other child abuse survivors who were not

able to speak because the anti-Pavlich purple mob wanted to show off their immaturity. As someone who was sitting in the front row of the lecture, I never witnessed Ms. Pavlich roll her eyes, or be rude to anyone. On multiple occasions, when she was attempting to answer a question, she was interrupted. That was when she would move on to another question. As a Cyclone, I am truly embarrassed at the behavior of this group who chose to show their immaturity on full display and could not give respect to anyone they disagreed with. However, those of us who worked hard to bring Ms. Pavlich will not be moved or intimidat-

ed! Ms. Pavlich offered a perspective that was different yet empowering. From perusing social media, I have encountered numerous attendees who are taking their safety into their own hands and refuse to be victims! Thank you to the College Republicans, Young America's Foundation and the Committee on Lectures for promoting true diversity at Iowa State University. Despite the whining of the campus feminists, Ms. Pavlich showed that one does not have to buy into the Left's victimhood narrative and as an individual armed with truth and taking responsibility for oneself; only then can we be liberated! #Fightback

LAST SECOND MAGIC



Cyclones make surprising last-second comeback in quarterfinals

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"Well, that's all that

The context of the game was much the same in the latter 20 minutes. Iowa

Despite the slow down, at least on the Longhorn's

"Hopefully we are done with comebacks and we can just come out strong from now on for the rest of the year," McKay laughed.

"They say you've got to have amnesia in this league and forget about losses," Niang said. "Well, you also gotta forget about wins because [they are] in the books."

Katy Moen carries load for ISU men | ISU men women's track, field at NCAAs | head to NCAAs



The distance medley team will also be representing Iowa State at nationals.

Cyclones face second Big 12 opponent with full team

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The doctors have cleared her. The trainers have cleared her. Coach Armando Espinosa has cleared her. It's official: junior Ana Gasparovic is playing this Friday.

Gasparovic has been out with a wrist injury for the past six matches and will be ready to compete in the Big 12 conference. Friday is also the second match for the Big 12 season for the ISU tennis team, as it takes on West Virginia.

"I didn't want to miss the Big 12 season, so I'm glad I'm back to compete," Gasparovic said. "Hopeful-

ly, there aren't any setbacks while playing this Friday."

Gasparovic will be back with her original partner, senior Meghan Cassens, and will also play number five singles.

Gasparovic played against Drake on March 6 in number three doubles with Cassens, but was taken out for the rest of the week-end to get her prepared for this upcoming match. She said it was nice to play that one match last weekend because it helped her get used to the competitive level gradually.

"Ana [Gasparovic] will be a big help for out lineup in the Big 12 season," Espinosa said. "I know her teammates are happy to see



Sophomore Ana Gasparovic serves in game three of the first set of her singles women's match against Texas Tech at the Cyclones' women's tennis meet on March 30, 2014. The upcoming match is against West Virginia.

her playing again."

Cassens said she's excited to have her original partner back and hopes they can compete and be at their highest level right away to be competitive.

Sophomore Samantha Budai and senior Caroline Andersen are happy to be

back with their original lineup like it was in the beginning.

"It'll be nice playing with Alejandra [Galvis] again since she's been playing with Meghan [Cassens]," Andersen said. "I know with Ana [Gasparovic] we'll be a better and well-

balanced team."

Another first for the team this weekend is playing outside. The ISU tennis team has been playing in Ames Racquet and Fitness Center for the beginning of their regular season due to the snow and cold temperatures.

If the future forecast is correct, the match will be played at the tennis courts by Forker Building on the east side of campus.

"Even though it's a different type of court, I think we've transitioned really well during this week of practice," Budai said. "We have a little bit of an advantage because West Virginia hasn't played outside this season."

With the snowstorms on the east coast, West Virginia will be playing outside for the first time on Friday during the match.

The team has another advantage after beating West Virginia last season on the road. With all of these benefits, the players are confident going into spring break with many matches ahead.

After West Virginia, the team will go to New York to play St. John's and Quinnipiac and then the state of Kansas to play Kansas State and Kansas to round out the week of play.

"We're excited to travel around the country and play against new teams," Budai said. "We're also ready to get some wins in the beginning of the Big 12 season to build the confidence up."

Senior night provides stage for continued ascension

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Iowa State's final regular-season home meet will allow for an emotional send-off for lone senior Caitlin Brown and the ISU gymnasts will strive to emulate the paradigm Brown has cultivated to further substantiate their resume for the postseason.

Although Senior Night will present a fun and energetic environment for ISU gymnastics, the Cyclones need to ensure that this matchup against Temple (2-13, 0-3 ECAC) will not be Brown's last at Hilton Coliseum.

Iowa State (6-10-1, 0-2-1 Big 12) is set to host one of the six NCAA Regional competitions on April 4, and considering only the top 36 Division I teams across the nation participate in this

event, the Cyclones, ranked at No. 28, need to continue to perform at a high level in order to secure their spot for postseason play.

"We want to end [the regular season] on a really good note so that we can go into the postseason with a lot of confidence," Brown said.

Although the Cyclones currently reside near the bottom of the top 36 rankings—just .300 above the No. 36 spot—they still are in much more of a comfortable position than at this time last season.

In its previous season, Iowa State, for the majority of the year, was sitting on the outside looking in on the top 36 Division I teams—based on Regional Qualifying Scores.

However, a strong finish to the season, capped off with a season-high score of 196.650 at the Big

12 Championships, landed the Cyclones the final spot at regionals.

Thus, despite their current cushion in the standings this time around, the ISU gymnasts have refrained from relaxing just yet.

"We're a little uneasy [sitting in the No. 28 spot] just knowing that is so close, and anything can happen," said freshman Nicole O'Dell. "We just need a big score to get us in a safer spot for regionals."

Iowa State successfully boosted its score in each of its last two meets, transcending the 195.000 mark in consecutive competitions on the road. However, in terms of substantiating an already-impressive home resume, merely eclipsing a score of 195.000 will not suffice.

To broaden the gap between themselves and the teams outside the top 36,

Iowa State will have to score higher than 195.675—a feat the team has only accomplished twice this season.

The recipe for this success required that the Cyclones on March 13 consist not of newfound routines or unique acrobatics, but of the philosophy that ISU coach Jay Ronayne has preached all season: consistency through clean routines and perfected details.

"We've just been trying to implement the same things," said freshman Hilary Green. "Have fun, be consistent and do our individual jobs."

Despite the pressures to succeed, the ISU gymnasts will not allow their lone senior and leader, Brown, to experience her Senior Night without proper recognition for all of the work that she has contributed to this ISU gymnastics program.

"On Senior Night, [the



Sam Greene/Iowa State Daily
Senior Caitlin Brown prepares to finish her routine on the uneven bars. This is Brown's last season as an ISU gymnast, and her contributions to the team will be sorely missed by her teammates and the university.

coaches] will put something funny into all of our floor routines that resembles [Brown]," O'Dell said.

The Cyclones hope to carry this emulation of Brown beyond just the floor

exercise to ensure a consistent and successful Senior Night in every facet of the meet, accumulating momentum as they prepare for the challenges of the postseason.

Cyclones prepare for final long road trip

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The ISU softball team is preparing for its final road tournament this weekend at the Michele Smith Spring Break Tournament in Florida.

The Cyclones (13-7) are coming off a 2-3 weekend at the Rebel Classic in Las Vegas where they ended on a two-game winning streak. This will be a five-game tournament, taking place in Tampa Bay and Clearwater, Fla., that will prepare the Cyclones with a final road test before coming home.

The ISU softball team is led by senior shortstop Lexi Slater, who is coming off of a record-setting tournament. Slater hit her 59th double to become the all-time leader in doubles in Iowa State history. She also hit her 100th run batted in, making her the fifth



Kelby Wingert/Iowa State Daily
Senior Lexi Slater bats against Utah State on Feb. 6 at Bergstrom Indoor Football Complex. Iowa State defeated Utah State 3-0 at the Cyclone Invitational.

Cyclone to accomplish this feat.

"We really want to finish strong," Slater said. "We know we're gonna be home a lot more, and it's hard traveling, but we really just want to go out and play our game."

The recent warm weather has been a major factor in preparing the Cyclones for this tournament. The team was finally able to move practice from the Bergstrom Football Complex to their home practice field at the Cyclone Sports Complex.

"It's really great to fi-

nally be at home," said ISU coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler. "We're using our locker room, our cages, and it's really just much easier."

The Cyclones are looking to be more offensively consistent and carry it from last week into this tournament. The offense went from scoring only two runs in the first three games of the Rebel Classic before they erupted for 16 runs and eight runs in their final two games.

They also hope to continue their current pitching trend. Cyclone pitcher Katie Johnson is leading the Cyclones with a 2.52 earned run average and leads the team with a 7-4 record. She also has already accumulated 61.1 innings pitched, almost double the next-closest Cyclone.

The Cyclones will be using all this in preparation for a five-game tournament against five different teams. Iowa State will play Boston University at 10:45 a.m. and South Florida at 12:45 p.m. on March 13 in Tampa Bay.

Then the tournament moves to Clearwater, Fla., where they will take on St. Joseph's at 8 a.m. and Massachusetts at 10:15 a.m. on March 14. They will finish the tournament against Rutgers at 8 a.m. on March 15.

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national scale gives her infinite credibility in the job market and is highly impressive to future employers.

Within a mix of passion and exploration lies the inspiration behind Kean's latest collection, "The Kranto Kolection". The Kranto Kolection came to her quite spontaneously while working a 10-week internship at Global Mamas in Ghana. The feminine garments are filled with bright colors and eye-catching patterns that infatuated her as she walked to and from work passing street vendors. The line is targeted toward African women ages 18 to 25 who live in America and want to display their own cultural heritage.

The collection was named after Kean's fiancé, Webster Kranto, who is West

African and a senior in industrial technology at Iowa State. This line is her tribute to him for his continuous support of her efforts.

Kean speaks magnificently of her fiancé.

"None of this would exist without him," Kean said. "He is my rock, my backbone. He helps and inspires me every step of the way."

While gaining experience at a fair trade clothing company in Ghana this past summer, Kean also had the opportunity to establish a direction for her new clothing line by learning processes, production and different fabric printing techniques. "Claire is extremely ambitious, and her use of vibrant West African fabrics is bringing some fresh variety to the American fashion landscape," Kranto said.

In the past, Kean has en-

tered her garments into The Fashion Show at Iowa State. This year, her schedule is full preparing for other shows, so she has elected to not participate. She has already shown her line as a guest designer for a successful show at the University of Texas. With orders rolling in "like crazy", Kean is now preparing for her trip to Washington D.C. to show her collection at African Fashion Week.

Two months ago Kean found the application for African Fashion Week online, applied for it and was accepted just two hours later. At first, the requirements to participate in the show overwhelmed Kean.

"My heart nearly stopped when I received an email telling me that I must have a minimum of 15 outfits to be in the show. I actually considered dropping out at that

moment," Kean said.

With support from her fiancé, Kean found the energy, time and inspiration to grow her original three garments into a 15-piece collection. This has all been done while continuing as a full time student, part time worker and a dancer on her fiancé's dance team.

As if these short-term plans are not sufficiently impressive, Kean will graduate early in May and enter an internship at the national headquarters of Abercrombie and Fitch in Columbus, Ohio. Following that, Kean plans to marry her fiancé and the two will move to Texas together to focus on launching the brand nationally. Initially, clothing will be sold purely online but Kean hopes to gain enough success to open a retail establishment and perhaps distribute the line internationally.



Courtesy of Claire Kean

Claire Kean and her fiancé Webster Kranto, after whom Kean's fashion line is named. Kean's line, the "Kranto Kolection," will be shown in Washington, D.C., on March 21 at African Fashion Week.

GSB FACES IN THE CROWD p1

“What do you know about GSB?”



Michaela Ramm/Iowa State Daily

Courtney Towles,
junior in civil engineering

"I feel like I don't know much about GSB. I am the president of a student organization, so they help with funding or things like that. I think that they work with SUB and I like the events that SUB brings to campus."



Michaela Ramm/Iowa State Daily

Matt Reis,
junior in pre-professional health and kinesiology

"No idea."



Michaela Ramm/Iowa State Daily

Willy Wu,
senior in food science

"I don't know a lot about GSB. I think they do a lot of the politics like student council wise. Maybe they plan the events like SUB events? Other than that, I don't know much."



Michaela Ramm/Iowa State Daily

Brent Houser,
sophomore in chemistry

"I don't know. I'm not sure about that."



Michaela Ramm/Iowa State Daily

Nicole Kraft,
freshman in global research systems

"I don't know."

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